

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Curriculum Room at Town School Office

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

CAPE Chair, Victor Katz, called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Present: Victor, Katz, Susan Queenan, Scott McCarthy and Assistant Superintendent Genie Slone

Guests: Krys Salon, CES Principal and Mary Rose Dymond, HHES Principals

Reader's Workshop K-4: a multi-year initiative

CAPE re-visited this K-4 Literacy Initiative at its December meeting, which included the following:

- A review of the September 2013 meeting in which this initiative was first presented to the sub-committee—the rationale for the program improvement, alignment with the Common Core and staff professional development to improve reading instruction K-4.
- Principal Dymond reviewed year 1 of this initiative (2013-2014) which focused on mini-lessons and independent reading. Principal Salon discussed year 2 (2014-2015) which is examining conferencing with students about their reading. The sub-committee viewed a 13 minute video clip about Brookfield's implementation of Reader's Workshop including the three (3) components of the initiative: staff PD, coaching and new strategies implemented in the literacy classroom.
- Assistant Superintendent. Slone presented the in-depth program review that is being undertaken this year to monitor this initiative including Classroom Walk-Through's, Staff Focus Groups, data gathering by school data teams, formal observations of literacy instruction, debrief with teachers and administrators, etc.
- The next steps were discussed including plans for sustainability by school staff and future PD in the district on this topic.

Adjournment

There being no more business to discuss, V. Katz moved and S. Queenan seconded, and the subcommittee voted 3-0 to end the CAPE meeting at 7:30 P.M.

V. Katz, Scott McCarthy and S. Queenan voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted

Genie Slone

Assistant Superintendent